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Saigon Publisher Is Jailed For 'Detrimental Actions'

SAIGON, South Vietnam, July 4 (AP)—A military tribunal sentenced the publisher of a Saigon English-language newspaper today to five years in pris on charges of "actions detrimental to the national order."

The court found Nguyen Lau, publisher of The Saigon Daily News, innocent, however, of a charge of rebellion against the Saigon Government. The charge carried the death penalty.

Two of the 22 defendants in the trial, Tran Ngec Hien and Nguyen Chuong Cung, identified as Vietcong captains, were sentenced to life at hard labor. Five were acquitted and other sentences ranged up to five years.

Testifying before the sentencing, Mr. Lau reversed an earlier admission and said that he had never knowingly given information to agents working for the Vietcong.

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